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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th/April, through Sunday, 13th/April there were 232 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, I, IS, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4S, SRI LANKA. Ivan, UR9IDX (ex-8Q7VG), will be active as **4S7DXG** until **May 1st**. His activity over the past week was on 30/20/15 meters CW/SSB. Watch 21020 kHz after 1630z. Also watch 14014, 14195 and 10107 kHz between 1630-2230z. QSL via UR9IDX, P.O. Box 85, Mariupol 87531, UKRAINE.

4X/4Z, ISRAEL (Contest). The Israel Amateur Radio Club will run the **Holyland Contest** on Saturday, **April 19th**, between 0000-2359z, both CW and SSB. This is a good opportunity to work a good number of 4X/4Z stations towards the famous "Holyland Award" as well as other

Israeli awards. The Contest Manager is Mark, 4Z4KX (E-mail address: 4z4kx@iarc.org). For complete details on this contest, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.iarc.org>

5Z, KENYA. QSL Manager Allan, G0IAS, informs OPDX that after nearly 12 years (when it was virtually impossible for a U.S. citizen to get a 5Z callsign) Don Gardner, ex-7Q7DC (KC7JDC), has been allocated **5Z4DE**. Don is in Nairobi and will be transmitting after a long period of inactivity; as soon as possible (as soon as he gets his mast up!). ALL QSL cards are DIRECT ONLY to G0IAS. NO BUREAU and NOTHING sent to Don. ADDED NOTE BY ALLAN: Allan can still confirm any outstanding 7Q7DC QSL cards, but he states that he will probably close the books at the end of the year.

7P, A25 & ZS, LESOTHO, BOTSWANA AND SOUTH AFRICA. Operators Mauro/IN3QBR, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR and Joe/AA4NN are teaming up to go on the air as the "African Double Jump DXpedition". The team will be going to South Africa, Lesotho and Botswana starting at the end of June. According to their Web page, the team will meet with Andre, ZS6WPX, who will become their tour guide. Between June 28th and July 1st, the team will go on a Safari. There is a possibility they "MAY" do some operating using callsigns ZS/homecall. Early **July 2nd**, the team will head to Botswana's capital, Gaborone City. They plan to erect their antennas and operate from their hotel that day. Callsigns mentioned so far are **A25NN** and **A25ZNR**. They plan to leave for the town of Rustenburg on July 5th, and will travel to Sun City, South Africa. There "MAY" be some activity as ZS/homecall. Early **July 7th**, they will leave for Lesotho and expect to be there late afternoon. They will be active that same day. Expected callsigns will be **7P8JB** and **7P8NR**. Activity will last **until July 11th**. They depart for Johannesburg on July 12th and expect to leave for home July 13th. Please visit their Web page for updates at: <http://www.qsl.net/xu7aay/africa/>

7P, LESOTHO. "NOT TO BE CONFUSED with the African Double Jump DXpedition" listed above, look for three Texans (Frosty/K5LBU, Madison/W5MJ and Tom/WW5L) and one Canadian (Neil/VA7DX) to be active as **7P8CF**, **7P8MJ**, **7P8TA** and **7P8NK**, respectively, from **July 18-25th**. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters CW/SSB/PSK31/RTTY. QSL each by their home calls. The group currently does not have a Web page, but more details will be released after June 1st. Watch Frosty's Web page for possible updates at: <http://WWW.k5lbu.com>

DAYTON HAMVENTION DX DINNER PROGRAM. Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, informs OPDX that this year's **SWODXA DX Dinner Banquet Program** will be "A DXer's Expedition through the Halls of Power" with guest speaker Vice Admiral Scott Redd, U. S. Navy (Retired), K0DQ/A92Q. There are still some tickets available (Please refer to [OPDX.597](#) for details).

DU, PHILIPPINES. Jon, N0NM, continues to be active as **DU9/N0NM** until **April 23rd**, before he leaves on a trip to HS-land. He was active this past week on 80 meters (between 3500-3506) after 1000z. If the bands are decent, he will usually try top band (watch 1828.3 kHz).

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2003. The following are the officers for the **Spokane DX Association** for 2003:

President - Gary Elliott, K7OX	Secretary - George Tuncil, W6AEA
Vice Pres - Randy Foltz, K7TQ	Treasurer - Dan Hearn, N5AR

GM, SCOTLAND (Special Weekend Activity). The annual **Scottish Activity Weekend** takes place on **April 19/20th**, and is organized by the GM DX Group. This is not a contest, just an opportunity to work Scottish stations on all LF and HF bands, and to gain credits for several awards, including the new "Celtic Connections Award". For complete details, visit the Web page at" <http://www.gmdx.org.uk> Please work GM, MM, GS and MS stations during the weekend.

IN SEARCH OF BY YOUR EDITOR (Still Looking)! I know this has nothing to do with DX, but your editor's second love (other than DXing) is MUSIC. I have been searching for a music CD (not LP) called the "Young and Rich" by the group "The Tubes". Not just the song, but the entire CD. The CD is now out of print. Please look at your local record/CD store to see if they have a copy. I am interested in buying a copy (or even a backup version) at a reasonable price.....Thanks Tedd, KB8NW

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-019.** Operators ON6VP, ON4CAQ and ON1AEO will be active as **IG9/ON4DST** from Calla Madonna, **Lampedusa Island**, between **May 24-29th**. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters SSB only. They will be using a FT-757 with groundplanes and wire antennas. For skeds, please E-mail: ON6VP@pi.be QSL to ON4DST via the bureau, or direct via ON4AMM (Mary Lou Moons, Oudestraat 9, B-3560 Lummen, Belgium).
- **AS-079.** Takeshi "Take", JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/6** from **Miyako Island** (Miyako-jima Hirars-City Okinawa-ken) starting at 0600z, **April 26th** to 0000z, **May 5th**. Activity will be on 17/15/12/10/6/2 meters SSB. He will be looking for AF and SA on 6 meters. QSL via the Bureau (Bureau is Best) or direct to the address on QRZ.com.
- **EU-008.** Members of the Calderdale Raynet Group will activate the Island of **Colonsay** (IOSA NH19 and WAB NR39) from Saturday evening, **April 26th** to Thursday lunch-time, **May 1st**. Their activity will be on all HF bands depending on the conditions. They will use the club callsign **MM0CRG**. All stations worked will be sent a QSL card via the RSGB or QSL direct (w/SAE) to G3TAY.
- **EU-031.** Walter, IN3XUG, will be active on **Ischia Island** from **April 16-27th** using the callsign **IC8/IN3XUG**. Activity will be on the IOTA frequencies (28460, 21260, 14260 and 7060 kHz) SSB. He will pay particular attention to U.S. stateside stations. QSL via IN3XUG, Bureau or direct.
- **EU-172.** Peter/DL4AMK and his XYL will activate the Danish Island of **Aaroe** (JY-003) as **OZ/DL4AMK** from **April 16-21st**. He will use an Icom 735 with an ZZ-1004 amp and a Gap-Eagle antenna. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB. QSL via the DARC bureau or direct.
- **OC-NEW.** Just a reminder (refer to OPDX.602), to look for Tom/VK3ZZ, Keith/VK3FT, Jack/VK3WWW and Peter/VK3QI to activate the IOTA, **Waldegrave Island** in the South Australia State West Centre Group, **April 17-22nd**. Callsign will be **VI5WCP**. QSL via VK3ZZ.
- **OC-241.** Irfan, YC4FIJ, will sign **YC4FIJ/P** from **Utan Island**, **April 19-21st**. QSL via YC9BU, with SAE+IRCs only (Note: DO NOT send USDs, they will be stolen in YB-land's post office).
- **OC-241.** Look for a Multi-operation using the callsign **8A9R** to activate **Rote Island** in the middle of June. Activity will be on several bands. Kadek, YC9BU, will be one of the operators and also the QSL Manager.

LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP ACTIVITY.....

- A special event station signing **CS5E** will be active **April 25th** from **Cabo Raso Lighthouse** - reference number ARLHS POR011. This activity will also be valid for the Portuguese Lighthouses Award reference number DFP FES04, and Portuguese Castles and Fortresses Award reference number DCFP F141 - Forte de Sao Bras. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters, SSB. Look for them near the World Lighthouse frequencies. Suggested SSB frequencies (+/- 20 khz) are: 14270, 21370, 28370 kHz. QSL via the address on QRZ.com or via the Bureau.
- Look for Kevin/MW3AFR and Melfyn/MW3AGN, to be active as **homecall/p** from the **Liverpool Bar Lightship "Planet"** (ENG-065, WW Loc. IO83LJ) on **April 18th** and **April 21st**. Activity will be on various HF bands, including 40 meters and also 2 meter FM/SSB. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or bureau.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND (Cancelled!). Ben, SM6CCO, reports that he had to cancel his OH0CO operation from Aland Island. It was scheduled to take place between April 10-16th.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Operators John/K1AR, Martin/W1MD, Jeff/WC4E, Steve/N8BJQ, Ron/K8NZ and Geoff/W0CG will be active from Curacao as **PJ2T** in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th)** as a Multi/2 entry. QSL via N9AG.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **CT QSL HISTORICAL ARCHIVE.** Carlos Nora, CT1END, reports: "We are the only organization in Portugal that is devoted to documenting and preserving the history of Amateur Radio in Portugal, from the early days to the present. If you have Portuguese QSL cards prior to 1960, and Portuguese QSL cards from DXpeditions and other special events, we would appreciate receiving them as a donation to our collection, or as an alternative, send a digital image of the QSL card." If you can help them, please respond by E-mail (ct1end@netcabo.pt) or by mail to the address: Carlos Nora, CT1END, Praceta D.Mecia N 15 - 2 Dto., Massama Norte, 2605 Belas, Portugal.
- The **LLDXT trip to Faroer Islands (OY)** went QRT during the morning of April 10th. Pictures and the team's diary are available at the LLDXT Web site, as are the logs. The logs are updated April 13th with all QSOs. The LLDXT Website : http://www.qsl.net/lldxt/oy_2003/ LAST MINUTE PRESS RELEASE BY ROB, PA5ET: " We have completed our Faroe Island DX-pedition and had lots of fights with the propagation and the high winds. We managed to log 26,964 QSOs in 10 days of operation of which 14,041 in CW and 11,054 in SSB, 1,532 in RTTY, 300 in PSK and finally 37 in SSTV from 10-160 meters although it is better to say we worked mainly from 17-160 meter due to the bad propagation. The QSO statistics can be found on our web-site. Despite the lots of Europeans in the log we worked outside Europe every opportunity we had. There have simply not been that many openings unfortunately. Despite of that we are very happy with the result. The on-line logs have now been finalized so all QSOs should be visible on our web-site. The LLDXT web-site will be updated in the coming days with pictures and real-audio files. I like to thank the Europeans for the many times they had to QRX to allow us to work the 'rare' DX, a great example it can be done regardless what other DX-peditions say. All QSLs will be handled by the LLDXT QSL manager PA5ET, Rob Snieder, Van Leeuwenstraat 137, 2273 VS Voorburg, The Netherlands..... 73 de Bill OY7WB (AK0A), Tom OY7TW

(GM4FDM), Ronald OY7WP (PA3EWP), Dick OY7QA (PA3FQA) and Rob OY7ET (PA5ET)"

- **VISALIA CONVENTION.** QSL card checking at the "2003 Visalia International DX Convention" will take place from 2-4 PM on Saturday, May 3rd, in the Plaza Room of the Visalia Holiday Inn Hotel. All DXCC QSLs can be checked which would include 160 meters, deleted countries and cards over 10 years old. Also this year they will be able to check cards for the CQ WAZ Award and other ARRL Awards such as WAS and VUCC. Application forms for DXCC and WAZ will be available at the door, however, you can download the forms from these organizations in order to fill them in prior to the convention Any questions can be directed to Gary Stilwell, KI6T at: ki6t@arrrl.net
- **QSL XR6T** (active in the 2003 CQ WPX Contest) via CE6TBN at: Box 1234, Temuco, Chile.
- Georg, DF7JN, announced this past week that he has lost contact (even a couple weeks before the war) with his friend **YI1FC**. His friend YI1FC supplied Georg with some (more or less uncomplete) logbooks from YI1 stations. For this reason, Georg has quit his job as QSL Manager for the YI1 stations until further notice.

S0, WESTERN SARAH. The **S05X** team is expected to be active on Wednesday, April 16th. In the S05X press releases this past week, they informed the DX community that the S05X Team will also be active in the U.S. General Class Operator's bands. They also announced that another operator was added to the team. Joe, KO4RR, from Georgia and a well-known Contester and DXer/Dxpeditioner (E30GA, T32R, KO4RR/KH5K- Palmyra, K5K- Kingman Reef and KO4RR/I8) was added to the team of YT1AD, YU1AU, I8NHJ, CT1BWW, N6TQS, EA1BT, EA2RC, EA5RM, EA5XX and S01MZ. QSL Manager is EA4URE. Also, due to the high expense to travel into the desert, all donations to the S05X Team are WELCOME. Donations can be sent to the S05X QSL Manager: URE, Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Avda. Monte Igueldo 102, Madrid 28053, Spain. All names will be listed on their Web site at: <http://www.pagus.it/s05x/>

S2, BANGLADESH. Takeda, **S21YY**, was pleasing the RTTY operators this past weekend on 20 meters. Watch for him on/around 14080 kHz after 0100z.

SILENT KEY. Victor Rivera, ZK1CG and ZK1USA, received word from Poko, the son of Tuatai Tupou (**ZK1MA** North Cooks and **ZK1CY** South Cooks), that his father passed away in Australia on the morning of April 12th. Victor states, "Tuatai will be missed here and in Manihiki by a lot of people. Poko ask me to inform all his Ham radio friends of his passing away." OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Tuatai's family and friends.

SPECIAL EVENT. The French Government Service ART has issued the special callsign **TM0GAY**, to Jean Marc, F8IXZ, to be used from **June 20th to July 4th**. This special callsign is issued as part of the **French Gaypride** activities. Activity will be on HF bands from 40-10 meters mainly on CW, SSB possibly as well. QSL via F8IXZ either direct (+ postage IRC or USD) or via the French REF Bureau. Direct cards with insufficient postage dues will be answered by the bureau.

SV9, CRETE. Jim, SM2EKM, will be active as **SV9/SM2EKM** from **Agia Marina**, Crete, **May 29th through June 12th**. Jim informs OPDX that most of his activity will be CW on all bands (but this depends on antenna instalation). QSL to his home callsign, bureau or direct. If

there are any Bureau requests, E-mail to: sm2ekm@telia.com

VP8/LU1BR (Pirate Activity). Luis, LU1BR, has informed OPDX that a station using his callsign was operating on 10 and 12 meters on the CW mode was a PIRATE. Activity took place on March 13th, 2140-2240z on 28006 and 24896 kHz. Also, Luis mentions that probably this same person changed all his data entered on the QRZ.com Web page. All QSLs received for these bands activity will be returned.

WARD (Remember!). Just a reminder that the "**World Amateur Radio Day**" (WARD) will be celebrated by IARU on **April 18th** (Please refer to [OPDX.602](#)). For rules on how to receive the special WARD 2003 Award, go to the following Web site: <http://qtc.radio.org.pl/ward2003/>

XW, LAOS. Plenty of activity from this one over the past week. Stations heard were **XW1A**, **XW1FAN**, **XW6KM** and **XW1X**. Operator Kamphan, XW1FAN, seemed to be the most active over the past week. Watch around 21220, 21225 and 21260 kHz after 0830z or between 1330-1430z.

YI, IRAQ. Some interesting QSNs were reported over the past week. Jim, KT4CK, was spotted as **YI/KT4CK** on the DX cluster system. Jim is with or has been with the 101st Airborne and lives near Ft. Campbell. DX Mail Reflectors suggest he was trying to attempt to contact his family on 21312 kHz at 1438z and 21278 kHz at 1632z. Also, heard was Mark, NG5L, signing as YI/NG5L over the past weekend. He was very active on 20 meters after/or just before 0500z and between 1945 and 2300z. Watch around 14195 kHz and 14240 kHz. Mark is with the 82nd Airborne in the Iraqi desert near Nassaryia. Remember, WORK FIRST WORRY LATER.

YK, SYRIA. Saad, N5FF, informs OPDX of the following: "This is to advise the DX community that my planned trip to the YK land, initially scheduled for tomorrow (April 12th), has been **postponed** due to the current overall situation in the Middle East. No firm date has been set for my trip yet, but it's possible to take place in couple of weeks or so, and it may even be postponed till later on in the year. I guess it's fair to say that the trip is now up in the air, but I will update you the minute I have concrete plans."

ZA, ALBANIA. Fred, IK7JWX, reports to look for "Team ZA3/ On The Air" from the city of **Durazzo**, Albania, **May 29th through June 3rd**. Activity will be on HF, WARC, and 6/2 meters. Modes to be used are: CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Their Grid Square will be JN91RH. Operators are: ZA1FD, ZA5G, IK7JWX, IK7LMX, IZ7CTE, IZ7ATN, IZ7BNH, IK7QMJ, IK7FPX, IK2DUW, IZ2DPX, IK6CAC, IZ0CKJ, IV3FSG, IK5MDF and IK5BHN. All the operators will have the prefix **ZA3/**. Please, QSL via their home call, either the bureau or direct w/SASE (addresses on QRZ.com).

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Jim, N6TJ, will once again be active as **ZD8Z** from **April 16-26th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB on the WARC bands and low bands. QSL via VE3HO, direct ONLY!

ZF, CAYMAN ISLAND. John, NC8V, informs OPDX that he will be conducting his usual operation from the **Little Cayman Island (NA-016)** this year from **April 12th through April 19th**. He will be using the callsign **ZF2JC** and will be operating mostly SSB near the IOTA frequencies on 20, 15, 12 and 10 meters. He will have a 6 meter antenna with him this year and

will give that a try if the band should open. QSLs should go to his home address at: 15100 E. Scatter Ridge Rd., Athens OH 45701 (w/SASE etc... would be appreciated).

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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